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WOODSTOCK NEWS

New Books at the Public Library.

Recent accessions to the Norman Williams public library number out sixty volumes. The following are now ready for issue:

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My Cary, Boshier

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The Household of Peter, Carey

Never Betsy, Burnham

Vanagh—Forest Ranger, Garland

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The Colonel's Story, Pryor

The Trail of '98, Service

Up to Calvin's, Richards

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The Boy with the U. S. Foresters, Wheeler

League of the Signet Ring, DuBois

Politics at Fairmount, Baker

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orothy Dainty's Winter, Brooks

ncle Remus and the Little Boy, Harris

The Stroke Oar, R. D. Paine

The Fugitive Freshman, Paine

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arding's Luck, Nesbit

Winning His "Y", Barbour

Fighting With Fremont, McNeil

The Treasury Club, Drysdale

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Winning his Way to West Point, Malore

Christmas Angel, Brown

Robinetta, Wiggins

Capt. Pete in Alaska, Wheeler

in Texas with Davy Crockett, McNeil

Die Mammy's Torment, Johnston

Mildred's Inheritance, Johnston

That Printer of Udells, Wright

MISCELLANEOUS—ADULT

India—Its Life and Thought, John P. Jones

India, Flora Annie Steel

With Stevenson in Samos, Moors

Adventures in Contentment, Grayson

A Labrador Spring, Townsend

The Forest, White

Daniel Boone and the Wilder-ness Road, Bruce

Neighbors Unknown, Roberts

China's Story, Griffiths

Reminiscences of an Athlete, Clark

MISCELLANEOUS—JUVENILE

The Children's City, Singleton

Harper's Handy Book for Girls

WOODSTOCK NOTES

The annual reunion of the veterans of Windsor and Orange counties will be held at Rochester some time in August.

Joe Crapo, who has been jumping round some since he left Woodstock 1900, is back in Montpelier again. The Journal says:

"Joseph Crapo has arrived to play with the Y. M. C. U. baseball team and is renewing old acquaintances about town. Joe is in fine fettle and has been coaching several minor league teams in southern New England.

His work at third in past years will be remembered here and he should prove a strong addition to the Union team which has been playing in hard luck all season."

The Indians of Vermont

Condensed from Barber's History and Antiquities of New England. 1842. Barber copied from Trumbull's History of Connecticut

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The Indian women were strong and masculine; and as they were more inured to exercise and hardship than the men, were even more firm and capable of fatigue and suffering than they.

The clothing of the Indians in New England, was the skins of wild beasts. The men threw a light mantle of skins over them, and wore a small flap which was called Indian breeches. In the winter their blanket of skins, which hung loose in the summer, was tied or wrapped more closely about them. The old men in the severe seasons also wore a sort of trowsers made of skins and fastened to their girdles. They wore shoes without heels, which were called moccasins.

Their ornaments were pendants in their ears and nose, carved of bone, shells and stone. These were in the form of birds, beasts and fishes. They cut their hair into various antic forms and stuck them with feathers. They also by incisions into which they conveyed a black or blue, unchangeable ink, made on their cheeks, arms, and other parts of their bodies, the figures of moose, deer, bears, wolves, hawks, eagles and all such living creatures as were most agreeable to their fancies. These pictures were indelible and lasted during life.

The Indian houses or wigwams were, at best, but poor smoky cells. They were constructed generally like arbors, of small young trees bent and twisted together, and so curiously covered with mats or bark, that they were tolerably dry and warm. The Indians made their fire in the centre of the house, and there was an opening at the top, which emitted the smoke.

They lived in a poor low manner. Their food was coarse and simple without any kind of seasoning. They had neither spice, salt, nor bread. They had neither butter, cheese, nor milk. They drank nothing better than the water which ran in the brook or spouted from the spring.

This is No. 20 of a series of Vermont reprints which The Age purposes to publish weekly during the year. These reprints will also appear as leaflets, printed on good white paper 8 1/2 x 11 1/2 for distribution by Vermont citizens and for use in reading and study in Vermont public schools. The leaflets are sold in lots of not less than 25, for 25 cents, mailed post free.

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The previous numbers are: "The Independent Farmer," by Thomas Green Fessenden; "Love and Liberty," by Royal Tyler; "The Green Mountain Boys," by William Cullen Bryant; "Vermont," by William G. Brown; "Ode to Independence Day," by Royal Tyler; "Vermont Winter-Song," by Mary Cutler; "A Picture," by Charles G. Eastman; "Comic Miseries," by John G. Saxe; "Come All Ye Laboring Hands," by Thomas Rowley; "The First Vermonters," by Samuel Williams; "Green Mountain Home," by Achsa W. Sprague; "My Mountain Land," by Charles Lindale; "Ethan Allen," by C. L. Goddell; "Wake Up, Vermont," from the New York Sun; "Vermont Broadides," "Of the Unique and Inspiring History of Vermont" by W. S. Rosseter, two parts; "Ira Allen," "The Indians of Vermont"—Part I.

HARTLAND.

Master Daniel Benson Spaulding, only child of Carroll C. and Anna Benson Spaulding, passed away at his home at North Hartland May 22, after a severe illness following an operation for appendicitis, aged 13 years. The young fellow was a native of Hartland, attending school in North Hartland village. In September, 1910, he entered Woodstock High school. He was an exceptionally bright scholar, a very thoughtful and lovable son, a thorough student—one whom both faculty and classmates will miss.

The funeral was held at his late home May 25; burial in Quechee.

A. W. Martin and C. B. Hemingway have new automobiles.

Mrs. W. R. Sturtevant, Dr. C. E. Ward, Dr. H. B. Ketchum and W. P. Royce are owners of New Automobiles.

Rachel D. Fallon, wife of D. T. Harwood, passed away June 3, after a long illness of cancer. She leaves a husband, two daughters, Clara and Nellie; four sons, James, Robert, Lewis and Francis, to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and a devoted mother; a brother, Ferdinand Fallon, of Hartland Four Corners; a sister, Mrs. James Sleeper, of South Woodstock. The funeral was held in the Congregational church Monday, June 5, at 2:30 p. m.; burial in village cemetery.

The pupils of Fieldsville school gave the following Pre-Memorial program in their school room at 2:30 p. m., Monday, May 29:

Song, America, School

Song, Star Spangled Banner, School

Dialogue, The Flag, by Helen Crandall, Helen Crandall

Marion Blake, Leon Crawford

Song, Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean, School

Recitation, Memorial Day, Leona Myers

Dialogue, Our Favorites, by Clinton French, Rodney Burk

George Allen, Cedric Crandall

Bradford Crawford

Song, Scatter the Flowers, School

Recitation, The Schoolhouse Flag, Leona Burke

Reading, Memorial, Charlotte Crawford

Song, Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, School

Dialogue, The Red, White and Blue, by Charlotte Crawford

Estelle Crawford, Leona Myers

Recitation, The Heroes of 1898, Estelle Crawford

Song, Bonny Flag, School

The pupils formed in line and marched to "Walker cemetery" and decorated the two soldiers graves.

Mrs. J. E. Johnston, teacher.

Four men employed at the Brattleboro retreat caught 578 pounds of fish, consisting of carp, pickerel and pike, mostly carp, on the retreat meadow last week Friday.

Plymouth Child Burned to Death.

Irene Peterson, aged four years, was burned to death in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Julius Salter, at Frog City, in Plymouth, last week Thursday morning.

Mrs. Salter, with whom the child had been living for some time, went down to the main road, some little distance from the house, to meet the mail carrier, leaving the little one shut in; and upon her return found that the building had burned to the ground and the child had perished.

The cause of the accident is not definitely known, but it is supposed the child either played with matches or got at the stove, thus setting the place afire.

Raising the Maine.

The work of pumping water out of the cofferdam, built around the wreck of the battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, is now in progress. The water has been lowered three feet. At that time the top and sides of the wrecked after deck were beginning to come into view.

Present indications are that some weeks must elapse before a complete examination is possible.

Middlebury College, beginning with the academic year of 1911-12, will institute a department of engineering. It aims to fit students who look forward to the engineering profession to enter the junior year in any technical institute of the first grade.

JOHN LAW'S BUBBLE.

One of the Early Wildcat Get-rich-quick Swindles.

The "Mississippi scheme" was one of the famous get-rich-quick bubbles in the world's history. Thousands of people in France were swept to ruin in it, and the infant king's reign in its early years was practically discredited by it.

This pioneer of get-rich-quick schemes was the work of John Law, a notorious promoter of financial bubbles and frenzied financier of the period when Louis XV. ascended the throne of France in 1715, at the age of five years, under the regency of Philip, duke of Orleans. At thirteen the little king was declared of age.

Law was the son of a goldsmith of Edinburgh and early turned his attention to the question of public finances, always leaning toward the spectacular. Presently he came to be known as a skillful gambler and juggler of finances. He was finally forced to quit England for the killing of an antagonist in a duel, going to the continent, where he lived by his wits as a professional gambler until in 1716, when he landed in Paris. He soon ingratiated himself with the regent, the Duke of Orleans, who authorized him to establish a sort of government bank and appointed him to the management of it.

Soon afterward Law created the Mississippi company, a monumental scheme for the payment of the entire national debt and the enrichment of every person in France who chose to subscribe for it. The promoter obtained for his gilded enterprise a water tight monopoly of the entire trade of France from the Cape of Good Hope eastward to all the other parts of Africa, to Persia, India, China, Japan, and even to the strait of Magellan.

The French people took to Law's frenzied scheme with a rush. They put into it every penny they could beg, borrow or steal. But one day the bubble was pricked and every investor in it went to sudden and complete ruin. Thousands of families that had been rated as wealthy found themselves paupers in an hour. Law fled with all France howling maledictions at his luckless heels. He became a wandering vagrant and died a few years later in Venice.

James C. Walker of Bethel, has been engaged as principal of the Vergennes graded school for the coming year.

Lobsters and Crabs.

Whatever it may be that the lobster and the crab, rapacious, never dainty, are eating, they always see something else that they want and can't wait until they have masticated the first before attacking the second. But they don't give up the first, not by any manner of means. Nature, humoring this rapacious bent, has fitted the lobster and the crab with teeth in their stomachs, and they swallow their half masticated food and finish the chewing process with their stomachs while they seize and chew the other thing that has attracted them. Lobsters and crabs have no teeth in their mouths. They chew with their claws what they have time to and hand the unfinished job down to their stomachs to do the rest of the chewing.

The Marriage Fee.

Ideas as to marriage fees vary, and it is not likely that the criterion of old Samuel Ward of New York will be generally accepted. "On the occasion of his marriage," we are told by his granddaughter, Mrs. Hugh Fraser, "he had been a little in doubt as to the proper fee to offer to the parson and, with characteristic directness, asked him what it should be. 'Would you think a hundred dollars too much?' the reverend gentleman diffidently inquired. 'Sir,' said Samuel Ward, 'I should be ashamed to offer less than \$500 to the man who had married me to such a wife!'"

Not Sweet Enough.

A superintendent of a city Sunday school endeavored to give the summer meetings added attractiveness. Upon a certain warm Sunday in August lemonade was served. At the close of the service the superintendent announced that slips of paper would be passed and the pupils allowed to make suggestions as to methods of making the meetings still more attractive. One youngster wrote, "Put more sugar in the lemonade."—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Woman's Way.

"My dear," says the bacteriologist's wife, "did you remember to order the coal?" "Doggone it!" growls the bacteriologist. "Every time I count up to 988,345 germs in this spoonful of milk she comes in and interrupts me and makes me lose the count!" Closing the door with a slam, he begins again, "One, two, three," etc.—Judge.

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FEATS OF HORSEMANSHIP.

The Trained Horse with the Wild West and Far East—Prarie-bred Animals and Thoroughbreds.

On the occasion of his farwell visit to White River Junction Col. Cody and Major Lillie have determined to give a compendium of everything attained up to date in the line of horse and rider.

Of the many distinctive features which the Wild West and Far East claims for its own, the presence of a group of western range horses, trained to perfection, only attained by the thoroughbred of the circus ring is a most noteworthy attraction. Some idea of the task of subduing the descendants of the wild horses of the plains can best be imagined when one compares the graceful movements and skillful feats of trained animals with the antics of the bucking bronchos which appear in the same arena.

The fractious steeds born to the freedom of the prairies do not easily submit to the curb and bridle of the cowboy, let alone to the master hand of the trainer who would convert them to the aptness of a thoroughbred in performing the high school feats and fancy steps and figures. But Ray Thompson has trained these horses to respond to his every command and perform graceful feats without any punishment or urging on the part of their riders.

All these feats will be seen when the Buffalo Bill shows come to White River Junction June 13.

Vermont Congregational Conference.

The 116th annual meeting of the Vermont Congregational Conference and the annual meeting of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society will take place in the First Congregational church at Bellows Falls on June 13, 14 and 15. Rev. George S. Mills is president of the Conference and Rev. William C. Clark is secretary. The first session will be Tuesday afternoon, June 13.

Postmaster General Hitchcock has designated the St. Johnsbury post-office as a postal savings depository.